

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

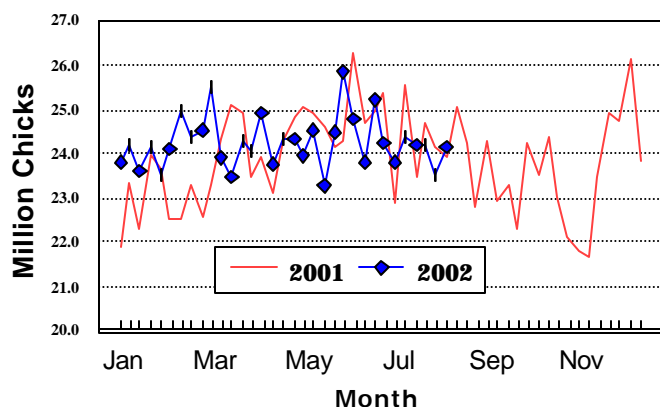
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.2 million during the week ending August 17, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and up 3 percent from the previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through August 17, 2002 were 800.6 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.0 million, up 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down fractionally from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.2 percent.

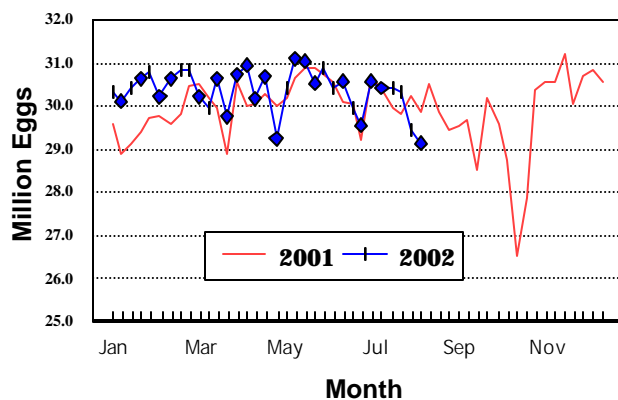
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 17, 2002, down 2 percent from the same period last year, and down fractionally from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
July 13	22,873	23,811	104	25,030	25,372	101	30,644	30,567	100
July 20	25,588	24,396	95	24,799	24,901	100	30,430	30,449	100
July 27	23,475	24,202	103	24,172	24,529	101	29,986	30,422	101
Aug. 3	24,691	24,227	98	25,245	25,242	100	29,819	30,322	102
Aug. 10	24,142	23,510	97	24,975	25,045	100	30,204	29,434	97
Aug. 17	23,905	24,158	101	24,749	25,003	101	29,880	29,169	98

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001-2002



EGGS SET. 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	27-Jul	03-Aug	10-Aug	17-Aug	%	13-Jul	20-Jul	27-Jul	03-Aug	10-Aug	17-Aug	%
Alabama	29,784 *	29,741	29,724	29,606	100	21,088	21,823	21,793	22,469	22,225	22,570	109
ARKANSAS	30,422	30,322	29,434	29,169	98	23,811	24,396	24,202	24,227	23,510	24,158	101
Delaware	3,578	3,611	3,684	3,543	102	5,832	5,442	5,681	5,248	4,883	5,265	90
Florida	2,282 *	2,318	2,008	2,280	95	2,233	2,331	2,406	2,334	2,312	2,111	84
Georgia	32,223	32,390	31,339 *	31,137	98	26,183	26,274	25,558	26,372	25,797 *	25,857	104
Kentucky	6,573	6,707	6,776 *	6,655	101	4,837	5,237	5,340	5,460	5,510 *	5,287	100
Maryland	9,808	10,003	9,889	9,927	105	5,650	4,961	5,516	5,326	6,251	5,956	114
Mississippi	19,058 *	19,118	18,591	18,865	99	15,779	15,252	15,401	16,020	15,670	15,854	106
N. Carolina	18,460 *	18,485	18,602	18,198	98	15,138	14,188	15,056	14,934	14,366 *	14,629	103
Oklahoma	6,817	6,698	6,848	6,707	107	4,707	4,337	3,985	4,936	5,014 *	3,941	81
Pennsylvania	3,681	3,717	3,676 *	3,808	96	2,824	2,674	2,767	2,775 *	2,801 *	2,648	96
S. Carolina	4,751	4,839	4,917	4,979	100	3,767	4,087	3,633	3,400	4,005	4,286	107
Texas	14,687	14,761	14,234	14,551	103	11,725	11,500	11,998	11,729	11,657	11,632	107
Virginia	6,054	6,305	6,276	6,145	94	4,958	5,089	5,126	5,846	5,671	4,889	96
CAL,MO,TN,WV	19,704 *	20,410	19,620 *	19,929	97	19,785	18,532	18,977	18,568	18,580 *	18,346	92
Total 2002	207,882 *	209,425	205,618 *	205,499		168,317	166,123	167,439	169,644 *	168,252 *	167,429	
Total 2001	204,300	206,930	204,638	207,243		165,397	164,118	164,605	167,418	168,196	165,060	
% Prev. Year	102	101	100	99		102	101	102	101	100	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002.....						31-Aug	07-Sep	14-Sep	21-Sep	28-Sep	05-Oct	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 205 million eggs during the week ending August 17, 2002. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 17, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through August 17, 2002 were 5.61 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.